



Dear Oregon FFA,

Do you remember the first time you were in the spotlight? I do. I remember when I was four feet tall and working my reserve-champion hog around the ring like I owned the place. I had butterflies in my stomach, feelings of nervousness, ambition, and motivation all jumbled up at once. The nervousness I felt pushed me to have more self-confidence in the things that I do. The ambition I felt drove me to try new and exciting things through FFA. The motivation I felt kept me going even when things were tough. Self-motivation has been key for me because, although my family and friends were there for me, I needed to be self motivated in order to reach the high goals I had set for myself.



Being a 4th generation farmer, some skills and tricks have been handed down through generations whether I liked them or not. For example, my father trying to get me to use his rusted show stick from 1970. Learning new things and finding friends in unexpected places have been just a couple of things that happen every day in the FFA world. The extreme passion I have for FFA is a feeling that has strengthened and grown every time I put on my corduroy jacket. I am extremely proud to wear that blue jacket and represent what it stands for; premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Serving the Oregon FFA has been a dream of mine; to pass on the tradition and the values of the FFA to future leaders and make a difference in the lives of many, including mine. Whether I have the pleasure to represent Oregon FFA with a position on the 2015-2016 state officer team or not, my commitment and true dedication to the FFA will always have a special place in my heart. It is with great compassion and vast excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer Team! I send the best of luck to everyone as they prepare for the 87th Oregon FFA Convention, and I look forward to this exciting year as well as seeing all of you in Silverton!

Sincerely,

*"No guts, no story." Chris Brady*

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